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Dear *Paul,*

I have read the above referenced document and believe that it reflects a reasonable analysis of the available data. I also find the conclusion reached in the document to be entirely reasonable.

My only suggestion for a possible change would be to clarify (or simplify) the explanation of the parameter H in the last paragraph of page 2. The technical terminology in the paragraph might confuse a reader who is a non-specialist. A more complete technical explanation could perhaps go into an appendix.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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